



Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe

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2023 DISTRIBUTION OF GRANTS

Total Number of Grants Approved: 329

Total Amount Approved: \$8,755,833

PROGRAM AREA

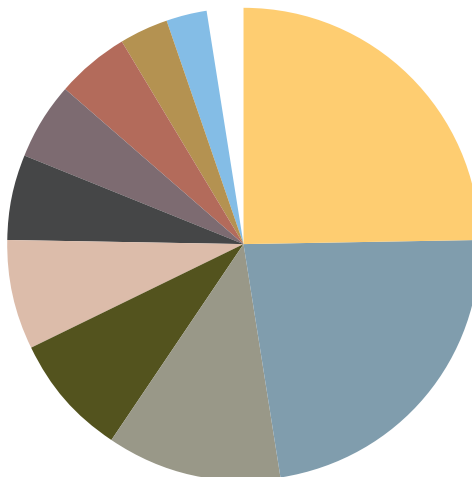
Construction	25.14%
Emergency*	21.59%
Evangelization	15.38%
Operational Support	8.23%
Scholarships	6.55%
Equipment/Accommodation	
Purchase	5.41%
Seminary Support	4.89%
Social Aid	4.38%
Education	3.23%
Vehicle Purchase	2.69%
Multimedia	2.51%

*Including grants for urgent humanitarian and pastoral responses to the crisis in Ukraine.

EXPENSES

Grants and Donations	90.60%
Program Costs	5.19%
Promotions and	
Fundraising Expenses	3.23%
Administrative Expenses	0.97%

Total Expenses \$9,665,263



DISTRIBUCIÓN DE LAS DONACIONES EN EL 2023

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ÁREA DE PROGRAMA

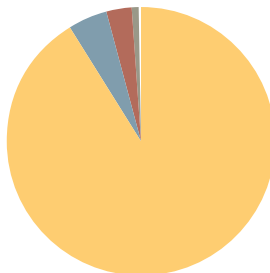
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Emergencia*	21.59%
Evangelización	15.38%
Apoyo operacional	8.23%
Becas	6.55%
Compra/convenio	
de equipo	5.41%
Apoyo a seminarios	4.89%
Asistencia social	4.38%
Educación	3.23%
Compra de vehículo	2.69%
Multimedia	2.51%

*Incluyendo subvenciones para respuestas humanitarias y pastorales urgentes a la crisis en Ucrania.

GASTOS

Subvenciones y donaciones	90.60%
Costos del programa	5.19%
Gastos de promoción y	
recaudación de fondos	3.23%
Gastos administrativos	0.97%

Total de gastos \$9,665,263



2025 COLLECTION INFORMATION INSIDE

To learn more about this collection or to find additional resources, please visit www.usccb.org/ccee.

THE CHURCH IN CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE

Your people shall rebuild the ancient ruins;
the foundations from ages past you
shall raise up;
“Repairer of the breach,” they shall call you,
“Restorer of ruined dwellings.”

—Isaiah 58:12

Dear Pastor/Administrator,

After more than 40 years, and in some places 70 years, of oppressive communist rule in 28 countries of Central and Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union, the Church has stood in great need of assistance to rebuild churches and minister to people who suffered persecution and hopelessness. Catholics in the United States have shown solidarity with their sisters and brothers in the region through their generous support for the annual Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe.

Although the communist regimes of the 20th century are in the past, new crises such as the Russian Federation’s invasion of Ukraine and the ensuing war show that the process of rebuilding will continue for years to come. Starting in 2022 and continuing through the summer of 2024, the Catholic University of Croatia brought together students and faculty from Catholic universities across Europe, including Ukraine, for a series of summer courses called Practicing Resilience—Preparing for Recovery. This program was designed to prepare young people spiritually, psychologically, and socially for the work of healing and recovering from the horrors of war. Funding from the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe has helped to make the program available to and affordable for all participants. With your support for the collection, you can help heal the wounds of violence and oppression and build a brighter future in Ukraine and more than 25 other countries.

The most effective way for you to promote the collection is to mention it at Mass. Please use the parish appeal and bulletin announcement found inside this mailer, as well as additional resources available at www.usccb.org/ccee. If you have questions, please contact Margaret Hren, assistant director for promotions, at 202-541-3346 or ncpromo@usccb.org.

With every best wish and an assurance of prayers, I remain

Yours in Christ,



Most Rev. Daniel H. Mueggenborg
Chairman, USCCB Committee on National Collections



Parish Appeal

ENGLISH

This week our special collection supports the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. Communism in this region fell more than 30 years ago, but the Church still struggles to rebuild after decades of oppressive rule. **Under communism, religion and religious practices were openly persecuted, and atheism was actively propagated and enforced.** Your support of this collection funds grants for vital pastoral ministries throughout the region. That means you support seminary programs, promote ministries and education for children and families, rebuild churches, and renew community life. Thank you for your generosity in supporting this collection today.

SPANISH

Esta semana, nuestra colecta especial apoya a la Iglesia en Europa Central y Oriental. La caída del comunismo ocurrió más de 30 años atrás, pero la Iglesia aún sigue luchando para reconstruir después de décadas de un régimen opresivo. **Bajo el comunismo, se oprimió abiertamente la religión y las prácticas religiosas y se propagó e impuso el ateísmo en forma activa.** El apoyo de ustedes a esta colecta financia subvenciones para unos ministerios pastorales vitales en toda la región. Esto significa que ustedes financian programas para seminaristas, promueven ministerios y educación para niños y familias, reconstruyen iglesias y renuevan la vida de la comunidad. Muchas gracias por su generosidad dando su apoyo en la colecta de hoy.

Visit www.usccb.org/ccee and select "Parish Resource Guide" under "Collection Resources" for an electronic version of the text that can be copied into your parish bulletin.

Simple Steps

to promote the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe:

- 1** USE the bulletin announcements and parish appeal to educate your parishioners about the collection and the people it supports. Additional resources, including a social media tool kit and print ads, can be found online.
- 2** PREACH about the troubles facing people in the region—and celebrate how the Church in Central and Eastern Europe is combating these troubles. For example, share the story from Croatia included in the cover letter of this resource guide.
- 3** PRAY as a community for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe—that God will give strength to those who serve and send relief to those who suffer. A digital prayer card is available for you to download and share with parishioners. materials or download the digital version and share with parishioners.
- 4** SHARE collection information on your social media channels and website using the web banners and social media tool kit found online.



Bulletin Announcements

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Week Before the Collection

Next week we will take up the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. This collection supports the Church in more than 25 countries that are still struggling to recover from former communist rule. It also aids communities throughout the region that are affected by the war in Ukraine. Funds support pastoral care, catechesis, renovations, and seminary formation. Your contribution restores the Church and builds the future in this region. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection next week. You can find more information at www.usccb.org/ccee. #iGiveCatholicTogether also accepts funds for this collection if you prefer to donate online.

Week of the Collection

This week our special collection supports the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. Your donation helps restore the Church and build the future in more than 25 countries still struggling to recover from former communist rule and now grappling with the war in Ukraine. Funds from this collection support reconstruction, education, formation, and poverty outreach. Thank you for your generosity to the collection today. For more information, please visit www.usccb.org/ccee. #iGiveCatholicTogether also accepts funds for this collection if you prefer to donate online.

Week After the Collection

Thank you for your generous contributions to the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe last week! As a parish, we collected \$[amount] to restore the Church and build the future in more than 25 countries. If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give. Visit www.usccb.org/ccee. #iGiveCatholicTogether also accepts funds for this collection if you prefer to donate online.

SPANISH

Semana antes de la colecta

La próxima semana realizaremos la Colecta para la Iglesia en Europa Central y Oriental. Esta colecta apoya a la Iglesia en más de 25 países que aún siguen luchando para recuperarse del antiguo régimen comunista. También da su apoyo a las comunidades de esa región que están siendo afectadas por la guerra en Ucrania. Los fondos financian el cuidado pastoral, la catequesis, la renovación de sus edificios y la formación de seminaristas. Las contribuciones de ustedes restaura la Iglesia y construye el futuro en esa región. Por favor, en oración, consideren cómo pueden dar su apoyo a la colecta la próxima semana. Para más información, entren a www.usccb.org/ccee. #iGiveCatholicTogether también acepta donativos para esta colecta en el caso que prefieran donar en línea.

Semana de la colecta

Esta semana nuestra colecta especial apoya a la Iglesia en Europa Central y Oriental. Sus donativos de hoy ayudan a restaurar la Iglesia y construir el futuro en más de 25 países que aún siguen luchando para recuperarse del antiguo régimen comunista y hoy se encuentran lidiando con la guerra en Ucrania. Los fondos de esta colecta ayudan en la reconstrucción, educación, formación y programas sociales dirigidos a los pobres. Muchas gracias por su generosidad en la colecta de hoy. Para más información, por favor, visiten www.usccb.org/ccee. #iGiveCatholicTogether también acepta donativos para esta colecta en el caso que prefieran donar en línea.

Semana después de la colecta

¡Muchas gracias por sus generosas contribuciones la semana pasada a la Colecta para la Iglesia en Europa Central y Oriental! Como parroquia, hemos recaudado \$[cantidad] para restaurar la Iglesia y construir el futuro en más de 25 países. Si no alcanzaron a dar en la colecta, aún lo pueden hacer. Visiten www.usccb.org/ccee. #iGiveCatholicTogether también acepta donativos para esta colecta en el caso que prefieran donar en línea.